

MAT 202
Larson – Section 5.7 (Part II)
Inverse Trigonometric Functions: Integration

Suppose we would like to integrate the following: $\int \frac{1}{x^2 - 4x + 7} dx$. Notice that it doesn't fall into any one of the formulas given in this section. How would we proceed?

Integrals Involving Inverse Trigonometric Functions: Let u be a differentiable function of x and let $a > 0$.

$$1. \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - u^2}} du = \arcsin \frac{u}{a} + C$$

$$2. \int \frac{1}{a^2 + u^2} du = \frac{1}{a} \arctan \frac{u}{a} + C$$

$$3. \int \frac{1}{u\sqrt{u^2 - a^2}} du = \frac{1}{a} \operatorname{arcsec} \frac{|u|}{a} + C$$

We can use *completing the square* to rewrite the integral:

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - 4x + 7} dx = \int \frac{1}{(x^2 - 4x + 4) - 4 + 7} dx = \int \frac{1}{(x - 2)^2 + 3} dx$$

Now, we can use rule #2 above to integrate!

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We would need to complete the Square on the denominator to get the expression to look like $\frac{1}{(u)^2 + a^2}$

$$\int \frac{1}{(x^2 - 4x + 4) + 7 - 4} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{(x-2)^2 + 3} dx$$

$u = x-2$
 $du = dx$

$$= \int \frac{1}{u^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{u}{\sqrt{3}} + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{x-2}{\sqrt{3}} + C}$$

Ex: Find the indefinite integral of the following:

a) $\int \frac{2x}{x^2 + 6x + 13} dx$

b) $\int \frac{x}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 2} dx$

Ex: Evaluate the following definite integrals: $\int_2^3 \frac{2x - 3}{\sqrt{4x - x^2}} dx$

Ex: Find the indefinite integral of the following:

$$a) \int \frac{2x}{x^2 + 6x + 13} dx = \int \frac{(2x+6) - 6}{x^2 + 6x + 13} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{2x+6}{x^2+6x+13} dx - 6 \int \frac{1}{x^2+6x+13} dx$$

$$u = x^2 + 6x + 13$$

$$du = 2x + 6 dx$$

$$- 6 \int \frac{1}{x^2+6x+9+13-9} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{u} du - 6 \int \frac{1}{(x+3)^2+4} dx$$

$$\begin{matrix} \nearrow & \nearrow & \\ u & 2^2 & a=2 \end{matrix}$$

$$= \ln |u|$$

$$= \ln |x^2+6x+13| - 6 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \arctan \frac{x+3}{2} + C$$

$$= \boxed{\ln |x^2+6x+13| - 3 \arctan \frac{x+3}{2} + C}$$

$$b) \int \frac{x}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 2u + 2} du$$

$$u = x^2$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = x dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 2u + 1 + 2 - 1} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{(u+1)^2 + 1} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1} \arctan \frac{u+1}{1} + C$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \arctan (x^2 + 1) + C$$

$$\int \frac{x}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 + 2 - 1} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{x}{(x^2 + 1)^2 + 1} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{u^2 + 1} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \arctan u + C$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{2} \arctan (x^2 + 1) + C}$$

$$u = x^2 + 1$$

$$du = 2x dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} du = x dx$$

Ex: Evaluate the following definite integrals:

$$\int_2^3 \frac{2x-3}{\sqrt{4x-x^2}} dx$$

$$\int \frac{2x-3}{\sqrt{4x-x^2}} dx = \int \frac{2x-4}{\sqrt{4x-x^2}} dx + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4x-x^2}} dx$$

$$u = 4x - x^2 \quad du = 4 - 2x \quad dx$$

$$= \int \frac{2x+4}{\sqrt{4x-x^2}} dx + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4x-x^2}} dx$$

$$du = -(2x-4) dx \quad -du = 2x-4 dx$$

$$= -\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{-x^2+4x}} dx$$

$$= -\int u^{-1/2} du + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{-(x^2-4x+4)}} dx$$

$$= -\frac{u^{1/2}}{1/2} + \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-(x-2)^2}} dx$$

$$= -2u^{1/2} + \arcsin\left(\frac{x-2}{2}\right) + C$$

$$= -2\sqrt{4x-x^2} + \arcsin\left(\frac{x-2}{2}\right) \Bigg|_2^3$$

$$= -2\sqrt{3} + \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - (-2\sqrt{4} + \arcsin 0)$$

$$= -2\sqrt{3} + \frac{\pi}{6} + 4 - 1 \cdot 0$$

$$= -2\sqrt{3} + \frac{\pi}{6} + 4 \approx 1.059$$